

## ***Appendix G***

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### *Native American Tribal Consultation Letter and Meeting Presentation*





## United States Department of the Interior

### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Las Vegas Field Office  
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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November 12, 2003

Subject: Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary

Dear Tribal Chair:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Vegas Field Office is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary. The disposal boundary was created by the 1998 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act and modified by the 2002 Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act. The BLM is preparing the EIS to assess the environmental impacts resulting from the sale or use of approximately 50,000 acres of public land in the Las Vegas Valley (see attached map).

The BLM has contracted with PBS&J to conduct an inventory and ethnographic assessment of cultural resources on the lands proposed for disposal. PBS&J and its subcontractor, Chambers Group will be assisting the BLM in contacting tribal representatives to gather information on traditional use areas and places of traditional or cultural significance that may be affected by the disposal action, as well as information on past and present use of lands by Native Americans on the lands proposed for disposal.

Chambers Group personnel will be contacting you within the next two weeks to verify receipt of this information and inquire if you have any concerns regarding potential impacts to culturally significant areas. At your request, BLM management and staff will be available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with the proposed Las Vegas Valley land disposal action. As the cultural resource studies progress, BLM management and staff will also be available to consult with tribes to resolve resource conflicts and concerns related to the proposed land disposal.

Please contact our office at any time if you have any questions or if you wish to participate in a meeting on this project or related issues. The BLM cultural resource contact is Mr. Stan Rolf, District Archaeologist at (702) 515-5055 and the PBS&J/Chambers Group contact is Ms. Ginny Bengston at (775) 323-3555.

Respectfully,

Mark T. Morse  
Field Manager

Enclosure

cc: Stan Rolf, BLM District Archaeologist, Las Vegas Field Office  
Jeff Steinmetz, BLM Project Manager, Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary EIS



# Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary Environmental Impact Statement

Tribal Informational Meeting  
December 11, 2003





# Project Description

- BLM proposes to dispose of approximately 50,000 acres within the Las Vegas Valley
- An EIS is being prepared to analyze potential environmental effects of this proposed undertaking



# Purpose

- Provide for orderly disposal of BLM managed lands
- Update existing Resource Management Plan analysis for disposal of public lands
- Review community plans to assess development related impacts





# Purpose

- Assess environmental impact of other BLM land management actions, such as recreation and public purposes, right-of-way grants/easements
- Identify cumulative impacts, such as impacts to air and water



# NEPA Process

- Notice of Intent
- Purpose and Need
- Public Scoping Meetings
- Review Public Comments
- Develop Alternatives
- Analyze Impacts of Alternatives
- Draft EIS
- Notice of Availability





# Alternatives

- Auction all available remaining BLM managed parcels in Las Vegas Valley
- Identify BLM-managed parcels with sensitive resource values worth protecting for future generations
- Do not auction remaining BLM managed parcels (No Action)







# What the BLM would like to know

- Are there any culturally significant areas located within or near any of the parcels that might be affected by the sale of those parcels?
- Do you have any other concerns about the proposed land disposal or the EIS process?





# For more information or if you have any further comments

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